



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2010 (Day One)
State Capitol – Room 4202
Sacramento, California**

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on September 1, 2010 at 2:35 pm at the State Capitol, Sacramento, CA.

Members Present: Curt Pringle, Chairman
David Crane
Rod Diridon, Sr.
Fran Florez
Quentin Kopp
Lynn Schenk

Absent Members: Thomas Umberg, Vice-Chairman
Russell Burns
Richard Katz

Agenda Item #1 – Staff Presentation on Final Program EIR – Bay Area to Central Valley

CEO van Ark introduced Deputy Director Dan Leavitt and Deputy Attorney General Danae Aitchison to present the Final Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was provided in regards to the Final Program EIR. Positive support was voiced, while concern was conveyed by some regarding the Final EIR.

At 4:15 pm, Chairman Pringle recessed the CHSRA Board Meeting until September 2, 2010 at 9:00 am to be held at the Sacramento City Hall, City Council Chambers at 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2010 (Day 2)
Sacramento City Hall Council Chambers
915 I Street
Sacramento, CA
(Recessed from September 1, 2010)

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called back to order on September 2, 2010 at 9:05 am at the Sacramento City Hall at 915 I Street in Sacramento, CA.

Members Present: Curt Pringle, Chairman
 Thomas Umberg, Vice-Chairman
 David Crane
 Rod Diridon, Sr.
 Fran Florez
 Richard Katz
 Quentin Kopp
 Lynn Schenk

Members Absent: Russell Burns

Pledge of Allegiance:

Administered by Member Diridon

Agenda Item # 5 – Summary and Brief Response to Comment Rec'd on the Final Program EIR

CEO van Ark introduced Deputy Director Dan Leavitt to present a brief summary of responses to Public Comment on the EIR/EIS received during the previous day. Judge Kopp and Member Schenk both complimented and thanked Dan Leavitt and staff for the time and effort put into the preparation of the report and summary stating that they were both eminently readable and understandable.

Agenda Item # 6 – Final Program EIR, Alignment & Station Locations for Bay Area - Central Valley

A brief overview of each of the specific documents/attachments that are included in the Final EIR and Draft Resolution # HSRA 11-11 was given by Danae Aitchison, Deputy Attorney General with the CA Dept. of Justice and a member of the Authority's legal team advising the Authority on the Environmental process needs for the high speed train system.

Staff recommended that the Board certify the Revised Final Program EIR for its compliance with CEQA; adopt the CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Consideration; adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and approve the Pacheco Pass Network

Alternative serving San Francisco via San Jose, preferred alignments and station location options, as identified in draft Resolution # HSRA 11-11 and its attachments.

Public Comment was provided for this agenda item.

Member Diridon motioned to approve the staff recommendation, seconded by Member Kopp; roll was called; the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Agenda Item # 7 – Delegation of Authority to CEO, Administrative Record Preparation Contract.

Staff recommended that the Board approve and adopt resolution #HSRA 11-12 providing a delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer to take whatever steps are necessary, including the execution of a contract, to accomplish the preparation of the administrative record concerning the Revised Final Program EIR for the Bay Area to Central Valley portion of the HST system.

Judge Kopp recommended an amendment in language in Clause 3 of the Resolution. Judge Kopp motioned to approve the staff recommendation with the amendment; Member Diridon seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Judge Kopp's amendment.

Agenda Item # 1 – Public Comment

Chairman Pringle called for additional general public comment.

Agenda Item # 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Diridon motioned to approve August meeting minutes; seconded by Member Schenk; vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 3 – Executive/Administrative Committee Report

Chairman Pringle gave brief overview of Executive/Administrative Committee meeting: HST Station Area Development Policy was continued for 30 days with no objections from the Board. Legislative Update: CEO to work direct w/Governor's Office on Legislative Issues, no objections from Board. Board Policies & Procedure Amendments: Amendment # 1 Continued until next committee meeting. Amendment 2 & 3 was motioned to table for 60 days by Member Diridon, seconded by Member Crane. Roll was called; vote was 6-1, with Member Kopp objecting.

Agenda Item # 4 – Operations Committee Report

Member Diridon reports that all is on schedule.

Agenda Item # 8 – Fresno – Bakersfield Section Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report

CEO van Ark introduced Regional Director Carrie Bowen to present the Fresno – Bakersfield Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report. Carrie Bowen introduced Tom Tracy, from Parsons Brinckerhoff, to present slide show presentation which provided an update, description and made recommendations to any changes in alignments, stations, and heavy maintenance facility site alternatives.

Staff recommendation: Consideration for the Board to approve as presented.

Public Comment was provided for this agenda item.

Member Katz moves the staff recommendation, seconded by Ms. Florez. Motion Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 9 – Bakersfield – Palmdale Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report

Regional Director Carrie Bowen introduced Bob Schaevitz, project manager for Bakersfield – Palmdale to give a presentation on the preliminary alternatives analysis report on the alignment, station and maintenance facility alternatives in that corridor. Staff recommended approval of the Preliminary AA as presented.

Member Kopp motioned, seconded by Ms. Florez. Motion passed unanimously.

Not listed on agenda: CEO Report

CEO van Ark gave a brief update on issues being worked on, recent meetings and upcoming trip to Asia with Governor Schwarzenegger and future meetings with stakeholders.

Chairman Pringle announces that per Legal Counsel, the two litigation items listed on the agenda no longer need discussion at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.